



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Cheryl L. Galante et al.
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Art Unit : 1616
Examiner : Marina Lamm

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY TO ACTION OF MAY 2, 2005

In reply to the Office Action of May 2, 2005, Applicants submit the following remarks.

Claims 1, 5, 7-9, 11, 13, 16-18, 20, 21, 23-25, 27, 28, 30-35, 37-41, 43, 44, 46, 47, 50, 51, 53, 54, 57, 61, and 63-65 are pending in this application. In the office action dated May 2, 2005, the Examiner rejected these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Swaile et al., U.S. Pat. 5,968,489 ("Swaile") in view of Shelton, U.S. Pat. 4,208,879 ("Shelton '879"), or Banowski et al., WO 99/23998 as translated by U.S. Pat. 6,569,438 ("Banowski"), or Henriksen, U.S. Pat. 1,791,359 ("Henriksen"). Applicants request that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn, for the following reasons.

The pending claims relate to a product for underarm application. The product includes a container and two compositions of different color within the container. At least one of the compositions includes an antiperspirant salt. Claims 1, 9, 16, 17, 24, 31, 37, 43, 50, 57, and 65 are independent; each recites different combinations of additional features for the two compositions.

Swaile describes an antiperspirant composition including an antiperspirant salt and a carrier including 1,2-hexanediol. The 1,2-hexanediol is the key component of the composition and, according to Swaile, is particularly beneficial when the composition further includes a solid gallant and a volatile silicone solvent (col. 2, lines 18-25):

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